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SUBJECT: GENSCHER'S REMARKS TO AMBASSADORS OF ENGLISH
SPEAKING AFRICAN COUNTRIES

1. THE BONN GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF JANUARY 15 REPORTED THAT FONMIN GENSCHER USED THE DINNER HE HOSTED FOR AMBASSADORS OF ENGLISH SPEAKING AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO WARN THAT UNBALANCED RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY A TOP HEAVY MAJORITY OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN THE UN WAS NO MEANS FOR SOLVING CURRENT PROBLEMS. A HOSTILE AND AGGRESSIVE BLOC WOULD BE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO GENERATE NEW CONFLICTS THAN TO AID THOSE PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM HUNGER, SICKNESS, AND IGNORANCE. THE LACK OF A SENSE OF REALITY RECENTLY EXHIBITED BY THE THIRD WORLD MAJORITY IN THE UNGA WAS CAUSE FOR DEEP CONCERN IN THE FRG.

2. GENSCHER CONTRASTED HIS NEGATIVE ASSESSMENT OF FRG RELATIONS WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH A POSITIVE JUDGMENT RE FRG BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH MOST AFRICAN COUNTRIES, STATING THAT THE FRG WAS PREPARED TO ENTER INTO MORE INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND REQUESTING HIS
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GUESTS TO FURTHER FRUITFUL RELATIONS NOT ONLY ON A

BILATERAL BASIS BUT ALSO IN MULTILATERAL FORA.

3. GENSCHER ALSO WELCOMED THE PROGRESS TOWARD SELF-
DETERMINATION ACHIEVED BY THE FORMER PORTUGUESE
COLONIES IN AFRICA.

4. COMMENT: GENSCHER'S APPEAL FOR REASON ON THE PART
OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA COUPLED
WITH HIS JUXTAPOSITION OF FRG BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL
RELATIONS WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES REAFFIRM THE VIEWS
EXPRESSED BY THE FRG DELEGATION AT THE UNGA AND GIVE
ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO AMBASSADOR SCALI'S DECEMBER 7
UNGA SPEECH. END COMMENT
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